

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

‘CENDEKIA BITARA’ AWARD

HONOURS OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS AND LECTURERS



international grants, exhibitions, conferences, pre-commercialisation, research contracts, industrial collaborations, intellectual property registration and publications,” he said.

He added that last year, the university received research grants worth RM14.462 million for 234 research projects - an increase of 87.2% as compared to 125 projects in 2011.

The funding sum had also recorded a remarkable jump of 156.8% from RM5.63 million received in 2011, he said.

As for the university's academic publications, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir said to date, there were 1,211 publications of conference papers, research articles and refereed articles.

He also said UMP was proud when Associate Professor Md. Mustafizur Rahman of the Mechanical Engineering Faculty came up with a journal of Impact Factor 31.677 and a journal; 'International Journal of Automotive and Mechanical Engineering (IJAME)' made it into the indexes of world renowned abstract and citation database - Scopus and Elsevier - early this year.

On the 'Cendekia Bitara' Award recipients for the research product category, seven names were announced and they were Associate Professor Dr. Zularisam Ab. Wahid – Faculty of Civil Engineering & Earth Resources (FKASA), Ir Zulkeflee Khalidin – Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Associate Professor Dr. Arun Gupta – Faculty of Chemical & Natural Resources Engineering (FKKSA), Dr. Jolius Gimbut (FKKSA), Associate Professor Dr. Maksudur Rahman Khan (FKKSA), Ahmad Basirul Subha Alias – Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (FKM) and Dr. Fathima Shahita – Faculty of Industrial Sciences and Technology (FSTI).

Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Chancellor His Highness Tengku Mahkota of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Al-Haj Ibni Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah presented awards to 33 recipients comprising academicians during the 'Cendekia Bitara (Incomparable Intellectuals) 2012' Award ceremony held at Zenith Hotel, Kuantan on April 19, 2013.

The annual award presentation was to honour UMP staff members who had produced outstanding research works and innovations.

In his speech, Tengku Abdullah called on UMP staff to ensure that their publications and researches had high impacts and could be collectively benefitted by all.

“The challenges in enriching research activities and innovations are not merely exclusive for academicians but must also be embraced by administrators and undergraduates.

“UMP also needs quality administrators who are capable of consistently merging research elements, creativity and innovation as part of the efforts to improve the university's governance

capacity and public delivery system.

“The combination of the academicians' wisdom and administrators, merged with the knowledgeable undergraduates can bring about an outstanding and incomparable brand of UMP,” he said.

He also hoped that researches carried out would take into consideration of issues, needs and problems of local community and suggested that researchers produced academic works that would add values to the peoples' well-being.

This would reflect the reality of positive relationships of three entities – Government, University and Community, said Tengku Abdullah and noted that the implementation of the Blue Ocean Strategy took into consideration of these three units which complemented each other.

UMP Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr. Daing Nasir Ibrahim said, UMP Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 agenda focused mainly on strengthening the university's level of achievement in research, creativity and innovation.

“The main criteria of UMP's branding excellence includes acquiring of domestic and